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Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorneys, respond to the Office Action dated 07/23/2003 as follows and request continued examination of claims 1-53 pending in the above-identified patent application. It is believed that the 07/23/2002 Office Action is in error in stating that only claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed May 7, 2003 added new claims 34-53 to the application.

The 07/23/2003 Office Action states: "The reply (Preliminary Amendment) filed on May 7, 2003 is not fully responsive because it fails to include a complete and accurate record of the substance of the February 28, 2003 interview." The February 28, 2003 "interview", a summary of which follows, was a telephone discussion between Examiner John A. Ward and applicants' undersigned attorney regarding informalities in claims 1-18 and 20-33 as initially presented in the application. The interview did not address the claims on their merits.

APPLICANTS' EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

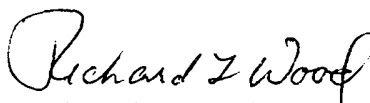
Applicants' undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Ward for the telephone interview courteously granted on February 28, 2003. During the interview, applicants' attorney explained that the text of claims 1 and 2 intended to be presented in the application as filed where inexplicably deleted, and intended dependent claims 3-20 were re-numbered by the computer as claims 1-18, respectively. This error resulted in intended independent claim 21 being numbered by the computer as claim 19 so that the claim dependency in claims 20-33 as filed is also in error.

Applicants' attorney explained during the February 28, 2003 interview that a Preliminary Amendment had been drafted to correct the aforescribed informalities in the claims as originally filed in the application. Applicants' undersigned attorney agrees with the "Substance of Interview" presented by Examiner Ward in the "Interview Summary" PTO-413 forming part of the 07/23/2003 Office Action.

Favorable consideration of claims 1-53 presently in the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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